

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 6407

E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: TSPA, TU  
SUBJ: SPACE SHUTTLE CONTINGENCY PLANNING

REF: A. STATE 208962, B. ANKARA 5082

1. DURING CALL ON UNAL UNSAL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MFA DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, AUGUST 8, ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, ECON/COM COUNSELOR TOOK OCCASION TO MENTION LONG-STANDING U.S. REQUEST TO USE INCIRLIK CDI AS EMERGENCY LANDING SITE FOR SPACE SHUTTLE FLIGHTS. COUNSELOR TOLD UNSAL THAT SOME WEEKS BEFORE SHE HAD BEEN TOLD BY OFFICER IN HIS SECTION THAT U.S. REQUEST WAS BEING HELD UP UNTIL ISSUE OF MILITARY SALES EMBARGO WAS RESOLVED; SINCE EMBASSY NOW HAD FULL CONFIDENCE THAT EMBARGO WOULD BE LIFTED, IT HOPED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD SOON BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST.

2. UNSAL TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF COUNSELOR'S COMPLETE REVIEW OF U.S. REQUEST. IT WAS HIS PERSONAL FEELING THAT THE REQUEST WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD BRING DISCUSSION OF THAT DAY TO ATTENTION OF THE MFA ACTION OFFICER, YALIM ERALP, WHO WAS AT THE TIME OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

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3. ERALP HAS NOW INFORMED AN EMBOFF THAT HE FAVORS GRANTING U.S. REQUEST BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO INDICATE TO HIGHER LEVELS OF GOT WHETHER U.S. HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL APPROVAL FROM JAPAN, PHILIPPINES AND SPAIN FOR USE OF KADENA AB, CLARK AB, AND ROTA OR TORREJON AS OTHER EMERGENCY LANDING SITES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE  
EMBASSY WITH THIS INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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